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CLASSICAL CONFERENCE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, JULY 2-3, 1918

On July 2-3, at the University of Pittsburgh, in connection with the annual meeting of the National Education Association, there was a Conference on the Place of Classical Studies in War Modified Education. Professor Andrew Fleming West presided. About 125 persons were present, mostly from Pittsburgh and vicinity.

The programme was as follows: Opening Remarks, S. B. McCormick, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh; Readjustment of our Educational Ideas after the War, H. C. Tolman, Vanderbilt University; Justified Latin: Some Constructive Suggestions, Frances E. Sabin; Latin in the New World, Oliver W. Stewart, Associate Editor of the National Enquirer, Indianapolis; The Ancient Guardians of Good English, Edward P. Mitchell, Editor-in-Chief of the New York Sun; Junior High School Latin, Mrs. George B. Scott, Sigsbee High School, Grand Rapids; Latin in Place of German, Mary L. Breene, Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, and B. L. Ullman, University of Pittsburgh; The Practical Value of Latin in War Modified Education, Albert S. Perkins, Dorchester High School, Boston; Basis of Education in a Democracy, Wilbert L. Carr, University of Chicago High School; Discussion on the Formation of a National Classical League for the Improvement and Extension of Classical Education in the United States.

Unfortunately, unless unwarranted injustice is to be done to contributors whose papers were in hand before the close of the last volume of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY, there is no room to give even abstracts of these papers; much less is there space to comment upon them. Mr. Stewart's paper was printed in the National Enquirer of July 4. Whether the other papers are to be published I do not know. C. K.

PROPOSED NATIONAL CLASSICAL LEAGUE

In the preceding editorial, at the end of the programme of the Classical Conference, will be found this item: "Discussion on the Formation of a National Classical League for the Improvement and Extension of Classical Education in the United States".

The Classical Conference was organized in great haste, at a time when the programme of the National Education Association was practically complete; hence, if material relating to the Conference was to appear at all in the Bulletins and Programmes of the meeting of the N. E. A., that material must be sent in at once[1]. There was thus no time whatever for discussion or joint action with respect to the Conference, not even among the members of the General Advisory Committee of the Conference, which Professor West constituted as follows:

Officers of the Conference, A. F. West, Chairman, Chancellor S. B. McCormick (Pittsburgh), Honorary Chairman of the Local Committee, B. L. Ullman, University of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the Local Committee, Norman E. Henry, Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, Secretary of the Local Committee and of the Conference; Other Members, F. F. Abbott (Princeton), Jessie E. Allen (Girls High School, Philadelphia), Dean Gertrude H. Beggs (Minnesota), Campbell Bonner (Michigan, President of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South), Mary C. C. Bradford (President, 1917-1918, N. E. A.), Bessie R. Burchett (South Philadelphia High School), Edward Capps (Princeton), W. L. Carr (University of Chicago High School), J. W. Crabtree (Secretary, N. E. A.), B. L. D'Ooge (Michigan State Normal College), J. C. Egbert (Columbia), R. B. English (Washington and Jefferson College, President C. A. A. S.), H. R. Fairclough (Leland Stanford), George E. Howes (Williams, President Classical Association of New England), F. W. Kelsey (Michigan), Charles Knapp (Columbia, Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. A. S.), L. E. Lord (Oberlin, Secretary-Treasurer, Classical Association of the Middle West and South), J. H. McKenzie (Howe School, Howe, Indiana), Anna P. MacVay (Wadleigh High School, New York City), C. W. E. Miller (Johns Hopkins), F. J. Miller (Chicago), C. H. Moore (Harvard), H. C. Nutting (California), Susan Paxson (Central High School, Omaha), President Ellen F. Pendleton (Wellesley College), A. S. Perkins (Dorchester High School, Boston), Frances E. Sabin (Wisconsin), Paul Shorey (Chicago), A. E. Stearns (Phillips Academy, Andover), President M. Carey Thomas (Bryn Mawr), H. C. Tolman (Vanderbilt), M. N. Wetmore (Williams, Secretary-Treasurer, Classical Association of New England).

This General Advisory Committee had no meeting before the Classical Conference began; it had no conference even by mail. On Tuesday afternoon, July 2, between the first and the second session of the Conference, the following members of the Committee met, for two hours, at the Hotel Schenley (the other members of the Advisory Committee, including two who

[1]The last issue of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY, Volume 11, had been already printed.